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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on January 15, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment filed with the aforementioned reply by applicant proposes to add new claims 11 through 16 without indicating which of these newly added claims (if any) is/are readable upon the elected species (the embodiment of Figure 7) as required. See 37 CFR 1.111, MPEP 809.02(a), and the last sentence of paragraph 1 of the Election/Restriction requirement mailed on May 1, 2006. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner works a flexible work schedule but can normally be reached on most days during the work week between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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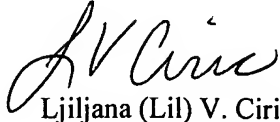
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